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34 From The Secy to the Govt of India Finance Dept F. 17 (1A) 42/W dated 2nd March 44 forwarding a copy of the Overseas Dept letter dated 5th July 44 on the above subject.

Action proposed. A copy of the Overseas Dept letter will be sent to all Accts Offrs for information. The Accts Offrs will be authorised to sanction allowances to evacuees on deposits and the instructions of the British Indian Govts will be sought in cases where such a power is not available.

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Sl. 35.3/3 Issues 2045-53/W dated 4th March 44 to all Accts Offrs

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OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, the 2nd March 1944.

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A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to

the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharajā of Mysore, Bangalore.

for information.

By order, etc.,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Government of India, Department of Indians Overseas, letter No. F. 125-22/43-O.S., dated the 5th February 1944, with enclosure.

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No. F. 125-22/43-O. S.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANS OVERSEAS.

New Delhi, the 5th February, 1944.

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners

Sub : Evacuees—Bank deposits in India of persons stranded in enemy territories Permission to dependants to withdraw from frozen accounts

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Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of a circular notice issued by the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, to all authorised dealers in foreign exchange and scheduled banks in India and to request that the contents thereof may kindly be brought to the notice of all the District Magistrates and other officers authorised to sanction maintenance allowances to evacuees and dependants of persons stranded in enemy countries, for their information and guidance.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(V. S. SWAMINATHAN)
Under Secretary.

Model Press, Delhi—450-5-2-44

(For notice please see overleaf)

NOTICE.

The attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the hardship caused to dependants in India of British subjects detained in enemy occupied countries in view of their inability to draw on frozen accounts in the absence of an authority from the Account holder. To obviate the difficulty, the Government of India desire that dependants be should normally, permitted to draw on frozen accounts and have agreed to idemnify the banks who are prepared to allow the withdrawal of maintenance payments from such accounts without the authority of the depositors. Banks would have to satisfy themselves that the following conditions are observed:—

(i) The banks should insist on the dependant producing a certificate from a District Magistrate or an officer appointed by him that he or she is the 'dependant' on the account holder, either based on documentary evidence or failing which, based on a sworn statement.

(ii) The dependant should be required to obtain a certificate from the District Magistrate or an officer appointed by him stating whether or not he or she is entitled to a monthly allowances from Government and if so at what rate.

(iii) The monthly payments should be limited to the allowances which the dependants are entitled to under the scheme of allowances granted by the Government of India.

(iv) The payee should give a valid undertaking to repay the Government (in the same way as persons in receipt of allowances now do) in case the account holder refuses to honour the action of the dependant.

(v) To avoid double payments, banks should inform the District Magistrate or an officer appointed by him as soon as a dependant begins to operate on the frozen account to enable the District Magistrate or an officer appointed by him to stop granting of further allowances under the scheme of the Government of India.

2. The time limit for payments from frozen accounts will be determinous with the sanction of the scheme of the Government of India. The banks will be duly informed when the Government of India desire to withdraw their present scheme, details of which will be found in the Press Communique issued by the Government of India on August 17th, 1943.

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4th March 44

Chief

Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Subject:- Evacuees - Bank deposits in India of persons stranded in enemy territories. Permission to dependants to withdraw from frozen accounts.

I am directed to forward herewith for your information a copy of letter No. F.125-22/43-O.S., dated 5th February 1944, from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Indians Overseas, New Delhi, to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners, received from the Residency.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

MGK.